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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 9, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

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Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of transmitting an optical communications signal, such method comprising the steps of:
- disposing a plurality of optical gratings on a surface of an optically transparent substrate;
- attaching an optical array having a plurality of optical ports to the optically transparent substrate, so that the optically transparent substrate mechanically

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